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SUBJ: LOS: MAIN COMMITTEE MEETING AUGUST 24

1. MAIN CMTE MET IN LAST SESSION AND APPROVED SUBCMTE II REPORT AND MAIN COMMITTEE REPORT WITH VIRTUALLY NO DISCUSSION. COMMITTEE APPROVED FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATION: "COMMITTEE HAS NOTED THAT GA REQUESTED IT, UNDER OPERATIVE PARA 2 OF RES 3029 (XXVI), TO SUBMIT ITS REPORT WITH RECOMMENDATIONS. VARIOUS QUESTIONS WERE CONSIDERED BY THE CMTE IN THIS CONNECTION, INCLUDING QUESTION OF ADEQUACY OF PREPARATORY WORK. IT WAS EVIDENT, HOWEVER, THAT THESE QUESTIONS WERE SUBJECT OF DIFFERENT VIEWS AND MEMBERS OF THE CMTE CONSIDERED THAT ASSESSMENT OF PREPARATORY WORK SHOULD, IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES, BE LEFT TO GA".

2. AUSTRALIAN REP ANNOUNCED HIS DELEGATION MIGHT MAKE FORMAL RECOMMENDATION IN IRST COMMITTEE RE MEANS TO FACILITATE THOSE COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN MEMBERS OF SEABED COMMITTEE MAKING THEIR VIEWS KNOWN AND UNCLASSIFIED

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TO SUBMIT DRAFT TREATY ARTICLES. CHINESE REP, REFER-

RING TO REFERENCE IN MAIN COMMITTEE REPORT TO KHMER REPUBLIC OBSERVER DELEGATION, STATED FOR THE RECORD THAT CHINESE BELIEVE ROYAL GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNION IS SOLE LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE OF CAMBODIA. ROMANIA AND YUGOSLAVIA SUPPORTED THIS POSITION.

3. MEXICAN REP (CASTANEDA) EXPRESSED DEEP DISAPPOINTMENT AT PROGRESS IN NEGOTIATIONS. HE STATED THAT MOST IMPORTANT RESULT OF DISCUSSION IN SEABED CMTE IN LAST THREE YEARS WAS DEVELOPMENT OF ECONOMIC ZONE CONCEPT. HE EXPRESSED CONCERN AT ATTITUDE THAT UNIVERSAL RULES OF INTERNATIONAL LAW CAN ONLY BE ACHIEVED THROUGH CONSENT BY EACH STATE. HE SAID ECONOMIC ZONE WAS SUPPORTED BY 70-80 COUNTRIES AND MAY BE APPROACHING POINT AT WHICH IT IS CLOSE TO CUSTOMARY INTERNATIONAL LAW. HE ALSO TOOK SPECIFIC EXCEPTION TO ASSERTION THAT ANY ONE COUNTRY CAN PARALYZE WORK OF CMTE. HE NOTED THIS HAS BEEN ATTEMPTED IN SUBCMTE II DURING CONSIDERATION OF ITS REPORT AND ASSERTED THAT IF THIS IS EXAMPLE OF HOW CONSENSUS WILL OPERATE THEN PROSPECTS FOR SUCCESS IN CONFERENCE IS DIM. HE OBJECTED TO RIGHT OF VETO IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF LAW MERELY TO MAINTAIN LEGAL STATUS QUO. CASTANEDA STATED THAT UNTIL LAST FEW DAYS HE HAD BEEN OPTIMISTIC IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO OBTAIN BROAD-BASED DECLARATION ON ECONOMIC ZONE BUT THIS HAD NOT BEEN POSSIBLE. AS A RESULT, HE HAD CONCLUDED IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO CHANGE CONFERENCE SCHEDULE. HE ASSERTED THAT AT PRESENT BASIS FOR FINAL NEGOTIATIONS IS MISSING. IN ABSENCE OF SUCH BASIS, THERE IS NEED FOR ADDITIONAL PREPARATION. HE ASSERTED THAT WHAT IS NEEDED IS CHANGE IN FORM, STRUCTURE, COMPOSITION, WORKING METHODS AND ATTITUDE. HE PROPOSED THAT LOS CONFERENCE BE HELD IN THREE STAGES: (1) ORGANIZATION AND PROCEDURE SESSION-- DURING LAST WEEK OF NOVEMBER, FOR ABOUT THREE WEEKS, CONCURRENT WITH GA. (2) PRELIMINARY CONFERENCE STAGE--FOUR WEEK SESSION IN MARCH, TIMING COORDINATED WITH MEETING OF GROUP OF 77. (3) DRAFTING STATE-- POSSIBLY IN MIDDLE OF AUGUST. THE PRELIMINARY CONFERENCE SESSION WOULD HAVE TWO ASPECTS (A) GENERAL

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DEBATE INCLUDING ALL PARTICIPANTS IN CONFERENCE; (B) SMALLER BODY RESPONSIBLE FOR NEGOTIATION AND CONSOLIDATION POSITIONS. HE STRESSED THAT HE WAS SPEAKING FOR HIS OWN DELEGATION AND NOT FOR REGIONAL GROUP AND HE PROPOSED QUESTION BE DISCUSSED FURTHER IN NEW YORK.

4. CANADIAN DEL DESCRIBED MEXICAN STATEMENT AS

EXTREMELY IMPORTANT. SENEGAL, SPEAKING FOR AFRICAN GROUP, STATED THERE HAD NOT BEEN OPPORTUNITY FOR GROUP TO STUDY MEXICAN PROPOSAL BUT IT WOULD DO SO. CHILE SAID HE SHARED VIEWS OF MEXICO AND COMMENTS DESERVE CONSIDERATION.

5. REMAINDER OF SESSION CONSISTED OF COMPLIMENTARY REMARKS BY REGIONAL REPS TO CHAIRMAN AND SECRETARIAT AND A FEW COMMENTS ON PREPARATION. USSR SAID AGAIN PREPARATIONS HAD BEEN INADEQUATE. BULGARIA MADE SAME POINT STATING LEGAL AND TECHNICAL WORK IS NEEDED AND THIS MIGHT BE DONE BY SMALL GROUP OF JURISTS. HE URGED THAT WHATEVER PROCEDURE IS ADOPTED, CONSENSUS RULE SHOULD BE FOLLOWED. YEMEN, IN SUBSTANTIVE STATEMENT, OPPOSED FREE TRANSIT AND SUPPORTED ECONOMIC ZONE CONCEPT.

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